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BIOTINYL GROUP AND USE THEREOF  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated December 30, 2008, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicants have included payment of an one-month extension of time to make this response timely.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows:

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